

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/24/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11, 13-20, 22-34 (renumbered as 1-32).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 August 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/13/04 & 9/02/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/22/2004
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael J. Mallie on November 22, 2004.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, line 8, before "buffers" insert -- line--.

Claim 2, line 3, after "adjacent", insert -- to --.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "3" and insert --4--.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "3" and insert --5 --.

Claim 7, line 4, delete the third occurrence of "the" and insert --a--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "addition" and insert --additional--.

Claim 13, line 6, before "buffers" insert -- line--.

Claim 15, line 1, delete "13" and insert --14 --.

Claim 16, line 1, delete "13" and insert --15 --.

Claim 17, line 4, delete the third occurrence of "the" and insert --a--.

Claim 18, line 3, delete "the band of the image" and insert --a band of an image--.

Claim 19, line 1, delete "13 wherein addition" and insert --18 wherein additional--.

Claim 20, line 10, before "buffers" insert -- line--.

Claim 22, line 8, before "buffers" insert -- line--.

Claim 23, line 2, delete "method" and insert -- article of manufacture --.

Claim 24, line 1, delete "20" and insert --23 --.

Claim 25, line 1, delete "20" and insert --24 --.

Claim 26, line 4, delete the first occurrence of "the" and insert --a--.

Claim 27, line 3, delete "the band of the image" and insert --a band of an image--.

Claim 28, line 1, delete "20 wherein addition" and insert --27 wherein additional--.

Claim 30, line 1, delete "22" and insert --29 --.

Claim 31, line 1, delete "22" and insert --30 --.

Claim 32, line 3, delete the third occurrence of "the" and insert --a--.

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Claim 33, line 3, delete "the band of the image" and insert --a band of an image--.

Claim 34, line 1, delete "22 wherein addition" and insert --33 wherein additional--.

Communication

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sherali Ishrat whose telephone number is 703-308-9589. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 4:30PM.

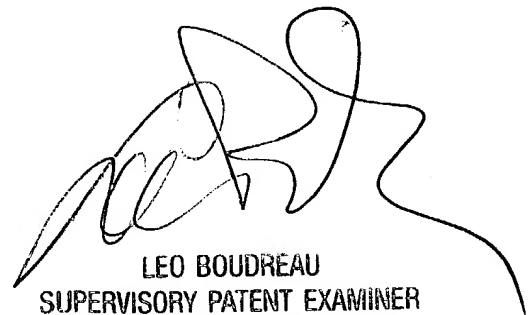
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Boudreau can be reached on 703-305-4706. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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